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Meeting	Community Services Committee
Date	16 September 2020
Report by	Phil Wright – Community Services Manager
Report title	Purchase of New Vehicles and Equipment
Business Plan theme	Maintain and enhance our parks and green spaces to continue to balance environmental, leisure and sports objectives.

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. On 18 May 2020, Harpenden Town Council agreed that a total of £90k would be allocated from the Capital Reserve to fund replacement of HTC's maintenance vehicles, and a chipper (£70k and £20k respectively). This was to enable HTC to look after its green spaces effectively, improve its management of green waste and achieve its sustainability goals.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the release of £90k from Capital Reserves in order to deliver the vehicles improvements and additional equipment that was agreed by Council on 18 May.

3. Background information

- 3.1. The Harpenden Town Council meeting on 18 May 2020 agreed that £70k of the Capital Reserve would be allocated to replace HTC maintenance vehicles, and a further £20k would be allocated to purchase a chipper.
- 3.2. The purchases of two items, the green waste chipper, and the electric gator utility vehicle, were linked to expiring deals. In order not to miss out on achieving best value for money, these two items have already been ordered.
- 3.3. Purchase of the new 'clean' diesel engine pickup truck, and of the electric van will be taken forward after release of the funds is agreed.

4. Resource implications

4.1 This request is for release of the £90k already agreed by Council.

5. Other implications

Other Implications	Comment
Legal	Legislation relevant to driving and to towing would be complied with.
Environment and biodiversity	This revised fleet and chipper are to look after and improve the environment and biodiversity, and to reduce negative impacts upon both. Cleaner adBlue diesel engine, and two electric vehicles will be far cleaner than the current fleet.
Crime and Disorder	None.
Risk/Health & Safety	Staff using the chipper and new vehicles would be trained appropriately.

6. Appendices

None.